THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 19th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (Sri B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Service Rules for the staff of the Hindu Religious Endowment Board.

* 2085 [a] *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have framed rules for regulating the recruitment and conditions of service of the Executive Officers and other staff employed under the old Hindu Religious Endowment Board; and now under the Commissioner;

(*b*) if so, whether provision has been made for retirement benefits as in the case of other Government servants; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the rules will be placed on the table of this House?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Although Executive Officers are selected and appointed by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department they are treated as servants of the religious institutions. The recruitment and conditions of service of these officers are governed by the rules framed under Section 100 (2) (*p*) (x) (ii) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Act, 1951. There is no provision for the grant of retirement benefits to these officers.

The staff employed under the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department and those employed under the old Hindu Religious Endowments Board now continuing in service are treated as regular Government servants. They are therefore eligible for retiring benefits like other Government servants.

" (*c*) A copy of the rules [b] is placed on the table of the House."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, these cadres of Executive Officers have almost become regular and they have put in considerable service in that Department. They are even allowed

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[a] Starred Questions 2085, 2092, 2099 and 2104 postponed from the list of questions for 18th August 1955.

[b] Printed as Appendix I on pages 188–201 infra.

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to work up to the age of 60. In view of this, will the Government consider the desirability of making some provision for retirement benefits as in the case of the administrative staff? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will have the suggestion examined."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Sir, Rule 27 says: 'Nothing contained in these Rules shall adversely affect any person who was appointed as an Executive Officer before the 30th September 1951.' May I know whether this protection is available to the other staff who have been appointed in the Department? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are giving any preference to candidates with legal qualifications in the matter of appointment as Executive Officers? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Government Transport Bus Service from Congress Exhibition grounds

* 2092 [a] *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) why a flat rate was collected from each passenger from Congress Exhibition grounds to other stops irrespective of distances in Government Transport special and regular buses; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that passengers were not allowed to get in at the various stops though there was accommodation in the special and regular buses running through or from Congress Exhibition grounds?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Sir, flat rates of fare were not collected in the Government Transport Buses from Congress Exhibition grounds to other stops irrespective of distances travelled. Flat rates of fare were however collected only for the special services operated from the Exhibition grounds to the various other destinations, viz., Parrys Corner, Mint, Mylapore, Triplicane, etc. Passengers travelling to intermediate stops were expected to utilise the regular services and not the special services. The special services followed the regular routes but they had to do 1·6 miles extra from the special bus stand to the nearest stage in the regular routes on account of having to cover the loop round the Exhibition grounds. For this additional mileage, an extra fare of half anna was charged. The fare thus charged is within the maximum limits prescribed in